

WILD LICORICE.

A bundle of licorice root—slim, rough sticks of tobacco brown—lay on the counter, and the sailor took one up and began to chew it.

"I have seen the place where this stuff grows wild," he said. "Do you know where that is?"

"Can't say I do," replied the drug-gist.

"It is along the banks," said the sailor, "of the Tigris and the Euphrates. The licorice is a wild plant in those parts. It stands three feet high, and its roots reach the water. For miles and miles the licorice patches spread, and the smell of them fills the air. It is a sweet, heavy smell."

"In those parts they cut the licorice plants regularly, and they use the poor, crooked, imperfect sticks for firewood. The good, clean, straight sticks they bundle up—just like this bundle here—and ship to England and America. Some of the sticks go to druggists, to be sold cheap or given away, but most of them, nearly all of them, go to the snuff and tobacco manufacturers. What for? Why, to be used in adulterated snuff in favoring tobacco and snuff."—Baltimore Herald.

The Warning in a Sneeze.

"As a general thing sneezing is nature's warning to get warmer in some way or other, and quickly," is the gist of an article by Dr. W. R. Conant in "Modern Medical Science."

"The question of temperature and ventilation," he says, "is one of the most difficult winter problems. So much depends upon circumstances and individual idiosyncrasy that it is hard to lay down any definite rules. An indoor temperature which is suitable for a vigorous person or one in active motion is dangerous for one who is delicate or sitting and doing head work exclusively."

"As a general rule, it may be said that a temperature that falls much below 70 degrees at four feet from the floor is dangerous for sedentary workers, and any one who continues sitting when he feels chilled does so at the risk of his life."

A Visit From the Baylies.

The servant at No. 1 told the servant at No. 2 that her master expected his old friends, the Baylies, to pay a visit, and No. 2 told No. 3 that No. 1 expected to have the Baylies in the house every day, and No. 3 told No. 4 that it was all up with No. 1 and that they couldn't keep the baylies out, whereupon No. 4 told No. 5 that the officers were after No. 1 and that it was as much as he could do to prevent himself from being taken in execution and that it was nearly killing his poor, dear wife, and so forth, and increasing and increasing until it got to No. 33 that the detective police had taken up the gentleman who lived at No. 1 for killing his poor, dear wife with arsenic and that it was confidently hoped and expected that he would be executed, as the facts of the case were very clear against him.—London Mail.

His Deep, Deep Grief.

The Fulton (Kan.) Gazette reports that a minister of that town was moved by the grief of a husband whose wife was to be buried and sought to commiserate him in the following manner: "My brother, I know that this is a great grief that has overtaken you, and though you are compelled to mourn the loss of this one who was your companion and partner in life I would console you with the assurance that there is another who sympathizes with you and seeks to embrace you in the arms of unfeeling love." To this the bereaved man replied by asking as he gazed through tears into the minister's face, "What's her name?"

"Mad as a Hatter."

What is the derivation of the phrase "Mad as a hatter?" One explanation is that it was originally French, "As mad as an oyster" (huitre), that bivalve being supposed to be extremely undisciplined. Another theory is that the phrase had reference to Collins, the English poet, author of the "Ode to the Passions." He was a hatter at Chichester, and it has been said that the lunatics with whom he was confined at one time called him "the hatter" and that the phrase originated thus.

Fall of Business to the End.

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Bad Case.

A London curate the other day received an astonishing answer to an inquiry after a parishioner's health.

"Well, sir," said the parishioner, "sometimes I feel anyhow; sometimes I feel nobow, and there be times when I feels as stiff as a himmidge!"—Smith's Weekly.

Too Expensive.

First Promoter—You say \$50,000,000 is about the value of your mine holdings? Second Promoter—They're worth every bit of it. First Promoter—You ought to incorporate. Second Promoter—I would, but it costs \$2 to incorporate in this state.—Pittsburg Post.

Natural.

"I say, I have just come from my landlord's, and would you believe it, I and the greatest difficulty in the world to get him to accept a little money."

"Nonsense! And why, pray?"

"Because he wanted a lot!"

Revised Shakespeare.

Shylock—I'll have my pound of flesh. Antonio—Go ahead, old man. The doctor says I've got to reduce my weight.—Town Topics.

Never Had a Chance.

"What is the greatest speech that congress ever developed?"

"The greatest speech," said the statesman with the disappointed look, "was never delivered. I wrote it myself."—Washington Star.

The art of putting the right men in the right places is the first science of government.—Talleyrand.

Many of our citizens are drifting towards Bright's Disease by neglecting symptoms of kidney and bladder trouble which Foley's Kidney Remedy will quickly cure. F. E. Brill, local agent.

The Oldest Church.

The oldest Christian church in the world is at Rome. Not far from the great Church of St. Maria Maggiore, in a street bearing the same name, is the much smaller Church of St. Pudentiana, which tradition as well as the opinion of archaeological experts declares to be the most ancient of the Christian edifices of Rome.

About the middle of the first century a certain Roman senator named Pudens had a house on this spot. He was a Christian convert and, it is said, a distant relative of Paul, the apostle, who lodged with him from A. D. 41 to 50 and converted his two daughters, Praxedis and Pudentiana. For the religious uses of himself and guests he built a small chapel in this house, and when he died in 96 and his wife a year later his daughter added a baptistery, the plans for which were drawn by Pius, the then bishop of Rome. In course of time a church was erected on the site of the original house of Pudens and consecrated by the bishop in 108 or 145.

The Rented Babies of Paris.

The written law provides for every child in France that the government supplement the home education and, when necessary replace it entirely, but as a matter of fact there are scores of children, in Paris especially, who have shaken free of their parents or been cast off by them and who live a vagabond existence, playing hide and seek with the officers of the law. Among this band the commonest offense is begging, though generally there is some older person back of the whining specimens one meets with on the streets. The fruitful incomes in this profession are obtained only through children. During the nights between New Year's and Christmas a baby in long clothes, especially if it be delicate looking, rents for as high as \$5 or \$6. His brothers and sisters from one to five years old bring \$2, while those still older are worth a dollar on the coldest days.—Harper's Magazine.

What a Hand May Mean.

In all my experiences and thoughts I am conscious of a hand. Whatever touches me, whatever thrills me, is as a hand that touches me in the dark, and that touch is my reality. You might as well say that a night which makes you glad or a blow which brings the stinging tears to your eyes is unreal as to say that those impressions are unreal which I have accumulated by means of touch. The delicate tremble of a butterfly's wings in my hand, the cool caress of violet petals in the cool folds of their leaves or lifting sweetly out of the meadow grass, the clear, firm outline of a nose and the smooth arch of a horse's neck and the velvet touch of his nose—all these and a thousand resultant combinations, which take shape in my mind, constitute my world.—Helen Keller in Century.

Don't Like Their Own Medicine.

Dentists are, as a rule, not living testimonials to their profession. "It is because we know how much a tooth can be hurt that we dislike to get into a chair ourselves," one of the craft explained the other day. "I had to fill a tooth for a fellow dentist last week and found it simply impossible to do a good job. He twisted and turned, grabbed my hand when he saw it coming his way and absolutely refused to let me do enough cutting to hold the filling solidly. Finally I patched the tooth up somehow, and he wouldn't let me polish off the edges. Give me the most hysterical woman before a dentist every time."—New York Tribune.

Monocles in the English Army.

About a century ago a British army order was issued forbidding officers to wear eyeglasses or spectacles. But a shortsighted officer belonging to a crack cavalry regiment had no mind to resign his commission or stumble blindly, and he invented the single eyeglass. When called to account by the authorities he claimed that the monocle, being of the singular number, did not contravene the order against spectacles and glasses in the plural. Red tape accepted this literal rendering of the law, and, becoming popular in the British army, the monocle was adopted by civilian beaus.

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